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For: USE OF CYTOKINES AND
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PATHOLOGICAL IMMUNE
RESPONSES

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Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the reference listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 was cited in an International Search Report dated April 23, 1999 for a counterpart PCT application. Two of the three references cited on the International Search Report were previously disclosed in an IDS submitted for this case on February 22, 1999. Therefore only one reference is enclosed herein. As such, the filing of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is within three months of the date of that International Search Report and, therefore, need not be accompanied by the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is also enclosed herewith.

None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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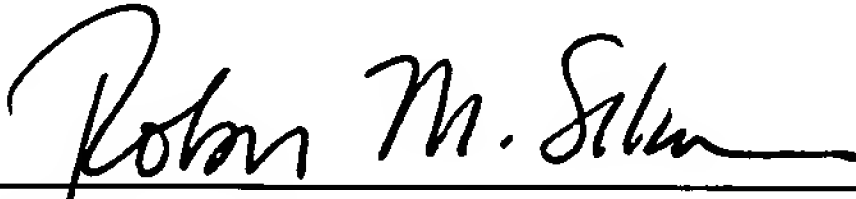
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